Preparation of ceramic clay.

149. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any applications for the grant of licence for the preparation of ceramic clay;

(*b*) whether any such applications was granted; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for not granting the licence?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

Mining operations in the State.

150. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minichil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the names of places where mining operations are being carried on by the Department of Industries;

(*b*) whether any mineral has been found out;

(*c*) if so, what quantity of each has been so far obtained and from which all places;

(*d*) the expenditure incurred so far for these operations;

(*e*) the probable market value of the minerals obtained; and

(*f*) whether any mineral has been so far sold by the Department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) None.

(*b*) to (*f*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

MR. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know the work of the Geological Assistant and the Assistant to the Geological Assistant?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: In addition to their usual duties, they are attending to prospecting of minerals occuring in the State.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know in what all places that work is carried on?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The places are Nedumgolam, Puliyarakonam and Kilanguvilai.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: What are the minerals for which prospecting work is being carried on?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Lime-stone, Graphite and Mica.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether those minerals could be got on a commercial scale and used in that manner?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is for that purpose they are working. But how far they could find them on a commercial scale is a matter which has to be found out.

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